THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) 46 retail outlet dealerships and 34 LPG distributorships have been allotted in Assam during last 5 years i.e. from 1993-94 to 1997-98.

(c) and (d) As per existing policy, reservation for different categories is provided as under:

Scheduled Casts/ Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)	— 25%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)	— 5%
Paramilitary/Police/ Government Personnel (PMP)	— 8%
Defence Personnel (DC)	— 8%
Freedom Fighters (FF)	— 2%
Outstanding Sportspersons (OSP)	— 2%
Open (O)	— 50%

33% of the dealerships/distributorships in all the categories mentioned above are reserved for Women belonging to that category. Other things being equal, Unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents and Widows are given priority over others. There is no separate reservation for terrorists affected widows.

Promotion of SC candidates in Mathura refinery

2760. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission had issued direction for ED Mathura Refinery and Chairman IOC to promote SC candidate for the post of Instrumentation Engineer MRP Mathura; and

(b) why did a general candidate get promoted in place of a SC candidate available on eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes had advised the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) In April 1998 to hold a review DPC to give effect to the promotion of an SC candidate to the post of Instrumentation Engineer. The Corporation informed the Commission in May' 1998 that it was not feasible to implement the advice within the framework of Presidential Directives and the latest guidelines on SC/ST matters. Since there was no shortfall of SC candidates in the cadre of Instrumentation Engineer, the case of the SC candidate was considered by the DPC alongwith other eligible candidates in the feeder cadre for promotion against in unreserved vacancy. However, he could not make the grade and a general candidate who was also the senior most, was promoted on merit against this unreserved vacancy. The National Commission was also informed accordingly by IOCL.

Investment Promotional Scheme in Gujarat

2761. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced Investment Promotional Scheme in the State of Gujarat for development of wastelands belonging to individual farmers in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many farmers in the State have so far been covered under the scheme as on date with details district wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABA GOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Originalely, this Central Sector Investment Promotional Scheme for development of non-forests wastelands

(IPS) was launched during 1994-95 in all States including Gujarat; however, the same scheme has now been restructured to make it more broad based and with focus to benefit the small & marginal farmers including Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes. The objective of the scheme is to mobilise resources from financial institutions, banks, corporate bodies including user industries and other entrepreneurs for development of wastelands belonging to Central and State Governments, panchayats, village communities, private farmers etc. Under the scheme, there is a provision for central promotional grant/subsidy to all categories of beneficiaries. For effective participation of the beneficiaries, promoters' contribution is also envisaged. The details of subsidy and the promoters' contribution are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) The revised guidelines restructuring the old scheme were issued and the revised scheme has become operational only in August 1998. So far no project proposals have been received from Gujarat State.

Statement

Statement showing the Details of Central Promotional Grant/Subsidy and Promoters' Contribution Under Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS)

(A) *The details of subsidy*

(i)	General Category (Individual/ Group)	25% of on-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less
(ii)	Small farmers (Individual/ Group)	30% of on-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less
(iii)	(a) Marginal Farmers (Individual/ Group)	50% of on-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less
	(b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings (Individual/ Group)	Same as A (iii) (a) above

(B) *Details of promoters' contribution*

(i)	General Category (Individual/ Group)	At least 25% of the project cost.
(ii)	Small farmers (Individual/ Group)	At least 10% of the project cost.
(iii)	(a) Marginal Farmers (Individual/ Group)	Nil, however, at the time of execution of the project, the family labour should be involved to provide selfemployment ensuring participation.
	(b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings (Individual/ Group)	Same as B(iii) (a) above.

गांवों को मूलभूत सुविधायें

2762. **श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 6 अक्तूबर, 1998 को "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में 'मेक डेवलपमेंट विलेज-सेन्ट्रिक" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;